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Applicant: SCHERER ET AL. Examiner: E. MORGAN  
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Title: BLOCK SPLITTING ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Amendment and Response
- The fee has been calculated as shown below in the "Claims as Amended" table
- ☒ Request for Extension of Time for three month(s) and fee of \$920.00
- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 2 Reference(s)
- ☒ Proposed Changes to the Drawings, copy of Figures 1, 2A, 2B, 5 and 7-11 with changes marked in red
- ☒ Substitute specification and marked-up copy of specification
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$180.00 for filing Supplemental IDS after receipt of Office Action and \$324.00 for extra claims fee
- ☒ Return postcard

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| Claims Remaining After Amendment |   | Highest Number Previously Paid For |   | Present Extra |   | Rate  |   | Fee      |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|---------------|---|-------|---|----------|
| Total Claims                     |   |                                    |   |               |   |       |   |          |
| 65                               | - | 61                                 | = | 4             | x | 18.00 | = | \$72.00  |
| Independent Claims               |   |                                    |   |               |   |       |   |          |
| 7                                | - | 4                                  | = | 3             | x | 84.00 | = | \$252.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE     |   |                                    |   |               |   |       |   | \$0.00   |
| TOTAL FILING FEE                 |   |                                    |   |               |   |       |   | \$324.00 |

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